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NEWS AND COMMENT
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY NEWS SUMMARY
FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1975

FOREIGN POLICY:

NEWS

SEVENTY-SIX SENATORS TELL FORD THEY WILL OPPOSE EFFORT
TO DIMINISH SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

SEVENTY-SIX U.S. SENATORS HAVE SIGNED A LETTER TO
PRESIDENT FORD SAYING THEY WILL OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO DIMINISH
AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED
CAUTIOUSLY, NBC/CBS SAID, THAT HE "WELCOMES ALL SUGGESTIONS."

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THURSDAY, SEN. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
(D., MINN.), ONE OF THE SIGNERS, SAID THAT IF THE FORD
ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT PRODUCE A MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID
PACKAGE FOR ISRAEL SOON CONGRESS WILL WRITE ITS OWN.

HUMPHREY (ON ABC FILM) SAID, "I THINK THE CONGRESS'
RESPONSIBILITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CONGRESS' INITIATIVE.
WE NEED THE COOPERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH."

SEN. JAVITS (R., N.Y.) INSISTED THURSDAY'S LETTER WILL
PROMOTE THE CHANCES FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND (ON ABC FILM)
SAID, "WE HOPE VERY MUCH FOR PEACE, AN AGREED UPON PEACE BY
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. I THINK MOST OF US FAVOR
THE STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATION THAT IS NOW BROKEN DOWN AND WE
BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL FUEL RATHER THAN RETARD IT BECAUSE WE

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BELIEVE THAT IF ISRAEL'S PEOPLE FEEL SECURE, THEY WILL BE MUCH MORE RELAXED ABOUT CONCESSIONS THAN THEY WILL BE IF THEY'RE UPTIGHT ABOUT THEIR OWN SURVIVAL."

"THE SENATORS' LETTER SPRINGS FROM A BELIEF AMONG ISRAEL'S OBVIOUSLY STILL-POTENT CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS DELAYING ITS REQUEST FOR NEW ARMS FOR ISRAEL AS A MEANS OF FORCING CONCESSIONS OF OCCUPIED ARAB LAND," SAM DONALDSON (ABC) REPORTED.

SENATE LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD SHARPLY REBUKED THE SIGNERS, CATHERINE MACKIN (NBC) REPORTED. MANSFIELD SAID THE LETTER SETS UP A POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND THE SENATE. HE CALLED THE LETTER AN UNWISE MOVE AT THIS TIME, AND SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER MUTED UNTIL THE PRESIDENT COMPLETES HIS MEETINGS NEXT MONTH WITH LEADERS OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT, MACKIN SAID. "BUT THE SENATORS CLEARLY WANTED TO MOVE AHEAD OF FORD'S MEETING," MACKIN SAID.

SEN. RICH BAYH (D., IND.) SAID (ON NBC FILM): "MANY OF US ON THE HILL FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW, FRIEND AND FOE AND THOSE WHO HAVE NO POSITION, THAT THE UNITED STATES' COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE AND SECURITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS UNDIMINISHED."

SEN. LOWELL WEICKER (R., CONN.) SAID (ON NBC FILM): "THE COMMITMENT THAT WAS MADE TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN 1948 HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED BY THE FACTS THAT HAVE INTERVENED, BUT INDEED WHEN THE COMMITMENT WAS MADE IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH COLD WAR, IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH OIL. IT HAD EVERYTHING TO DO WITH A PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN...PERSECUTED, TORTURED AND KILLED FOR 2,000 YEARS."

SEN. CHARLES PERCY (R., ILL.), ANOTHER CRITIC OF THE LETTER, SAID IT LOOKED LIKE A TILT IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL WHICH WILL NOT HELP EITHER SIDE, MACKIN SAID. PERCY (ON NBC FILM) SAID: "WE HAVE CREDIBILITY WITH BOTH SIDES. WE MUST KEEP THAT CREDIBILITY."

APPARENTLY THE REASON FOR THE LETTER IS THAT THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IS JITTERY ABOUT U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND WANTED THIS WRITTEN AFFIRMATION NOW, MACKIN SAID.

SIMCHA DINITZ, ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE LETTER AND A VOTE HE COULD FINALLY HOLD IN HIS HANDS, ABC REPORTED. (ON ABC FILM) DINITZ IN WASHINGTON SAID, "NATURALLY WE ARE VERY DELIGHTED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT. I THINK IT INDICATES THAT NOT ONLY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN SENATE IS SUPPORTING THE STRENGTH AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF

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ISRAEL, BUT I THINK THEY ARE ECHOING THE SENTIMENT OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE." ON CBS FILM, HE ADDED, "I THINK IT'S A CONSTRUCTIVE AND A VERY HELPFUL MOVE."

CLOVIS MAKSOUD, SPECIAL ARAB ENVOY TO THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, SAID THE U.S. SEEMS ADDICTED TO CHOOSING THE WRONG ALLIES. (ON ABC FILM) HE SAID, "I THINK THE ARABS WOULD BE DEEPLY HURT BY THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER. THEY WILL BE DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT DISILLUSIONED. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SENATE AND OF THE CONGRESS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, WE CANNOT UNDERESTIMATE THIS LETTER NOR SHOULD WE FALL INTO OVERESTIMATING ITS SIGNIFICANCE." ON CBS FILM, HE SAID: "THERE WILL BE IN THE BACK OF THE ARAB MIND A LARGE MEASURE OF QUESTIONING OF WHETHER POLICIES ENUNCIATED BY THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION CAN BE DELIVERED ON IN THE LIGHT OF THIS CONGRESSIONAL WITHHOLDING OF ITS SUPPORT."

"THE ARABS PRIVATELY EXPECTED 68 SENATORS TO SIGN THE LETTER, NOT 76, BUT IN THEIR VIEW TO OFFER AN AMERICAN SENATOR A PETITION ON ISRAEL IS STILL AN OFFER HE CAN'T REFUSE," DAVID SCHOUHACHER (ABC) REPORTED. "THE ARABS WERE PARTICULARLY DISAPPOINTED THAT SENATORS LIKE CHARLES MATHIAS (R., MD.) AND GEORGE MCGOVERN (D., S.D.), WHO RECENTLY TRAVELED THROUGH ARAB COUNTRIES, HAD SIGNED," MARYA MCLAUGHLIN (CBS) SAID. "MCGOVERN WAS QUICK TO SEND A CLARIFYING LETTER, AND AN ARAB SPOKESMAN SAID MAYBE THAT INDICATED THE SIGNERS' HURRIED JUDGMENT WILL BE REPLACED BY A MORE STUDIED ONE." -- AP; UPI; NETWORKS; MORNING SHOWS (5/22/75)

KISSINGER ASSURES CENCO OF CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT

SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE THURSDAY THAT "ONLY BY STANDING BY OUR FRIENDS" CAN THE U.S. FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO WORLD PEACE. KISSINGER ADDED THE U.S. IS DEEPLY AWARE OF ITS INESCAPABLE WORLD RESPONSIBILITIES.

DURING A BREAK IN THE MEETINGS, KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS PLEASED BY THE SYRIAN DECISION TO EXTEND THE UN'S MANDATE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. THE SECRETARY CALLED THE ACTION "AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROGRESS IN A CALMER ATMOSPHERE."

KISSINGER SAID THE U.S. HAS NOT ORDERED A TOTAL EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM LADS BUT DID ADMIT THERE HAS BEEN A RATHER SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION, MARVIN KALB (CBS) REPORTED. -- AP; CBS MORNING NEWS; ABC (5/22/75)

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TURKISH OFFICIALS SAID THURSDAY THEY WERE NOT ENCOURAGED BY THE ONE-VOTE MARGIN BY WHICH THE SENATE ENDED THE BAN ON U.S. ARMS SALES, CBS REPORTED. MARVIN KALB (CBS) SAID TURKEY IS EXPECTED TO START CLOSING U.S. BASES THERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD THEM THURSDAY THAT THE HOUSE PROBABLY WILL NOT VOTE TO LIFT THE BAN ON TURKEY UNTIL IT SEES NEGOTIATING PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

AFTER DISCUSSING THE GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS OVER CYPRUS FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS WITH IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS HE HAS ALWAYS FELT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO CUT OFF AID, -- AP; UPI; NBC; CBS (5/22/75)

SCHLESINGER SAYS NATO UNDERESTIMATES RUSSIANS

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TOLD NATO MEMBERS THURSDAY THAT THEY HAD UNDERESTIMATED RUSSIA'S ABILITY TO INCREASE ITS DEFENSE SPENDING YEAR AFTER YEAR. SPEAKING AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING FOR NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS, SCHLESINGER APPEALED TO THE WEST EUROPEANS, MANY OF WHOM ARE UNDER PRESSURE TO CUT DEFENSE SPENDING, TO KEEP UP THEIR EFFORTS.

SCHLESINGER SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE CONFERENCE, WHICH SUGGESTED THAT SPAIN, BY PERMITTING U.S. BASES ON ITS SOIL, IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEFENSE OF THE WEST. CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID THE MEASURE WAS STONGLY OPPOSED BY DELEGATES FROM BRITAIN, HOLLAND, NORWAY, DENMARK AND OTHERS, WHO ARGUED THEIR COUNTRIES COULD NEVER ACCEPT ASSOCIATION WITH A REGIME HEADED BY GEN. FRANCISCO FRANCO. THE SOURCES SAID ONLY WEST GERMANY GAVE QUALIFIED SUPPORT TO THE SCHLESINGER PROPOSAL, AP REPORTED.

MEANWHILE, NATO AGREED THURSDAY TO SET UP A NEW AGENCY TO HELP STANDARDIZE ARMS PRODUCTION AND INCREASE WEAPONS SALES BOTH WAYS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. -- AP; UPI (5/22/75)

BENTSEN INTRODUCES BILL TO CONVENE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN POLICY

SEN. LLOYD BENTSEN (D., TEX.) INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THURSDAY TO CONVENE A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE TO REVIEW THE GOALS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

BENTSEN SAID CONGRESS, REPRESENTATIVES OF BUSINESS AND LABOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE.

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HE SAID SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED WOULD INCLUDE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES, U.S. COMMITMENTS TO ALLIES AND WHAT THE COMMITMENTS WILL DEMAND, RELATIONS WITH OTHER WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATIONS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THE IMPACT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY ON FOREIGN POLICY. -- AP (5/22/75)

INDOCHINA: NEWS

LAOTIAN STUDENTS RELEASE AMERICAN HOSTAGES

THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE, LAOS, SAID THURSDAY THAT 18 AMERICANS AND A NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS DETAINED IN SAVANNAKHET FOR NINE DAYS BY STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WERE FLOWN TO THAILAND ABOARD U.S. AIR FORCE PLANES.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THE EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM LAOS WOULD BEGIN FRIDAY BY CHARTERED ROYAL AIR LAD JET.

DESPITE AMERICAN PROTEST, THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO FORCE THE STUDENTS TO LEAVE THE COMPOUND IN VIENTIANE, ABC/NBC REPORTED.

IT WAS OBVIOUS THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT TO DO MUCH ABOUT THE SITUATION, DON OLIVER (NBC) REPORTED. OLIVER SAID PATHET LAD SOLDIERS HAD JOINED THE STUDENT PROTESTORS INSIDE THE COMPOUND.

THE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STUDENTS MIGHT BE A WAY OUT FOR THE AMERICANS AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IS WILLING BUT ALSO FEELS THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE AMERICANS AND THEIR POSSESSIONS.

"THE SITUATION IS FORCING THE AMERICANS TO DRASTICALLY SPEED UP THE EVACUATION OF AID PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES. ITS ALSO CAUSING SOME THOUGHT ABOUT COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL 1100 AMERICANS, INCLUDING THE EMBASSY STAFF IF THEY CANNOT BE PROTECTED," LOU CIOFFI (ABC) SAID.

PATHET LAD SOLDIERS APPEARED AT THE COMPOUND AT THE SAME TIME AS THE USAID COMPOUND WAS OCCUPIED AND SEARCHED EVERY CAR, SAYING THEY WERE LOOKING FOR WEAPONS, THE NETWORKS REPORTED. THEY ALSO PREVENTED ANYONE TAKING OUT ANY OF THEIR POSSESSIONS, SAYING THAT EVERYTHING INSIDE THE HOUSING AREA NOW BELONGS TO THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE.

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"THERE IS NO PANIC AMONG AMERICANS HERE BUT THERE IS AN INCREASING SENSE OF URGENCY. THE THING THAT REALLY HAS AMERICAN OFFICIALS WORRIED IS WHETHER THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE," LOU GIOFFI (ABC) REPORTED.

THE U.S. EMBASSY HOPES TO BRING A FLEET OF CHARTERED PLANES IN FRIDAY TO BEGIN EVACUATION AMERICAN FAMILIES, OLIVER SAID. "A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EMBASSY EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY THE U.S. AID PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN OUT," OLIVER SAID. "THE U.S. EMBASSY STAFF WILL STAY, AND THEY HOPE TO KEEP THE EMBASSY OPEN." -- AP/UPI, NETWORKS: (5/22/75)

WHITE HOUSE STARTS TO PULL DOWN U.S. FLAG IN LAOS

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THURSDAY, THAT U.S. AID AND PERSONNEL IN LAOS ARE BEING REDUCED BECAUSE COMMUNIST CONTROL IN LAOS IS INCREASING. THE \$33 MILLION U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY CUT, AND MOST OF THE 400 CIVILIANS WHO ADMINISTER IT WILL BE SENT HOME. THE 800 U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WILL BE REDUCED TO LITTLE MORE THAN A TOKEN FORCE OF DIPLOMATS AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

HOWEVER, THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT SAID IT DOES WANT U.S. HELP BUT INDIRECT AID TO BE ADMINISTERED BY LAOS, NBC/CBS REPORTED. CBS MORNING NEWS REPORTED THURSDAY THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS \$32 MILLION A YEAR WITHOUT ANY STRINGS ATTACHED. THIS IS UNLIKELY, CBS QUOTED U.S. OFFICIALS.

SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD TED KOPPEL (ABC) IN ANKARA THURSDAY, THAT THE REDUCTION WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL, ABC REPORTED. HE SAID IT MAKES NO SENSE TO CONTINUE MILITARY AID WHICH HAD BEEN RUNNING UP TO \$30 MILLION A YEAR.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THAT DESPITE AMERICAN DEPARTURE FROM LAOS NO FULL-SCALE EVACUATION HAS BEEN ORDERED, NBC REPORTED.

"THE U.S. IS ALL BUT PULLING DOWN THE FLAG IN LAOS. THE OFFICIAL U.S. VIEW IS THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER THE GOVERNMENT, SO THE EVACUATION WILL NOT BE A TOTAL ONE. BUT THE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION APPEARS TO BE A FACE-SAVING WAY TO PREPARE FOR COMMUNIST DOMINATION OF LAOS," TOM JARREL (ABC) REPORTED. -- AP/UPI; NETWORKS, MORNING NEWS SHOWS (5/22/75)

THAILAND WILL MOVE SLOWLY IN NORTH VIETNAMESE TALKS

THAILAND IS ANXIOUS TO REACH ACCOMMODATION WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION THAT ARRIVED IN BANGKOK WEDNESDAY

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BUT IS NOT WILLING TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WOULD LIKE, BILL PLANTE (CBS) REPORTED. THE HANOI REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVED JUST TWO DAYS AFTER THAI TALKS WITH THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BROKE OFF IN DISCORD. -- CBS MORNING NEWS (5/22/75)

INTERNATIONAL: NEWS

ARABS HAVE MORE WAR RESOURCES, BUT ISRAELIS KNOW HOW TO USE THEM: PENTAGON SAYS

THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST FAVORS THE ARABS, BUT THE ISRAELIS PROBABLY WOULD WIN ANY RENEWED WAR, IKE PAPPAS (CBS) REPORTED, QUOTING PENTAGON ANALYSTS.

THE ARABS OUT-GUN AND OUT-MAN THE ISRAELIS MORE THAN TWO-TO-ONE, HE SAID.

--EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE MORE THAN 4,000 RUSSIAN-BUILT TANKS; THE ISRAELIS HAVE ABOUT 2,500 U.S. MADE TANKS,

--EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE OVER 1,800 PIECES OF ARTILLERY AND OVER 12,000 MISSILES; ISRAEL HAS 900 PIECES OF ARTILLERY, OVER 800 HAWK SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES; AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF U.S. REDEYE HEAT-SEEKING ROCKETS;

--EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE OVER 1,000 FIGHTER-BOMBERS; THE ISRAELIS HAVE ABOUT 400 WARPLANES;

--EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE A GROUND FORCE OF 450,000 SOLDIERS; THE ISRAELIS HAVE 125,000 SOLDIERS, AND ANOTHER 250,000 RESERVES WHO COULD BE MOBILIZED IN HOURS;

"SO IN MILITARY HARDWARE, THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST CLEARLY FAVORS THE ARABS, BUT THE CONSENSUS AMONG PENTAGON ANALYSTS AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IS THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD STILL WIN," PAPPAS SAID. "THEY POINT OUT THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE EQUIPPED WITH MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS THIS TIME, THAT THEY USE THEIR EQUIPMENT FAR MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN THE ARABS AND THEY HAVE BETTER MILITARY LEADERSHIP. IN FACT, SOME ANALYSTS SAY, THERE IS A GROWING CONCERN THE ISRAELIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TO ATTACK, AIMING TO KNOCK OUT THE ARABS, WAR-MAKING POTENTIAL FOR YEARS TO COME.

"PENTAGON SOURCES ADMIT THE THREAT OF A NEW WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS VERY SERIOUS," PAPPAS SAID. --CBS (5/22/75)

SHELEPIN FIRED AS SOVIET UNION'S TRADE UNION CHIEF

ALEXANDER SHELEPIN, OUSTED FROM THE RULING POLITBURO A MONTH AGO, THURSDAY WAS FIRED AS THE SOVIET UNION'S TRADE

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UNION CHIEF.

SHELEPIN WAS ONCE CONSIDERED A SERIOUS RIVAL TO BREZHNEV FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID THURSDAY'S MOVE MEANT THE END OF SHELEPIN AS A POLITICAL FORCE IN THE COUNTRY.--UPI; NETWORKS (5/22/75)

RUSSIANS TO SET UP MILITARY BASES IN LIBYA

THE RUSSIANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A NEW BEACH-HEAD IN THE MIDDLE EAST OF GREAT POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE. ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL CAIRO NEWSPAPER, THE RUSSIANS WILL SET UP MILITARY BASES, AIR BASES AND NAVAL BASES IN LIBYA AND THE PAPER SAYS THE RUSSIANS HAVE AGREED TO A \$4.5 BILLION ARMS DEAL WITH THE LIBYANS.--NBC (5/22/75)

MORE FIGHTING IN BEIRUT

THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT THURSDAY NIGHT WAS ABLE TO BRING AN END TO THREE DAYS OF FIGHTING BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE RIGHTISTS, NBC REPORTED.

RIGHT-WING LEBANESE THURSDAY LAUNCHED HEAVY MORTAR ATTACK ON A PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEIRUT, ABC SAID.

POLICE SAY 17 PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND MORE THAN 80 WOUNDED SINCE THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT THESDAY BETWEEN THE MUSLEM GUERRILLAS AND THE PRIVATE ARMY OF RIGHT-WING CHRISTIAN PHALANGISTS, AP REPORTED.--AP; UPI; NETWORKS (5/22/75)

SOVIETS MAY DROP DEMAND FOR PLO PRESENCE AT GENEVA
THE SOVIET UNION APPEARS TO BE WILLING TO DROP ITS DEMAND THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION BE REPRESENTED AT ANY FORTHCOMING GENEVA PEACE TALKS. THIS COULD MEAN IMPROVED CHANCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL GENEVA CONFERENCE, PETER JENNINGS SAID. --ABC A.M. AMERICA

KIM IL SONG OFFERS SUPPORT TO BUST PARK AND AMERICANS

NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SONG HAS OFFERED TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT SOUTH KOREA IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND PLEDGED THAT THE AMERICANS WILL BE DRIVEN OUT OF SOUTH KOREA. HE MADE HIS OFFER IN A BROADCAST THURSDAY, THE THIRD IN THREE DAYS ATTACKING THE AMERICAN ROLE IN ASIA.

IN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS KIM HAS ACCUSED THE U.S. OF PREPARING TO START A NEW WAR IN KOREA AND PLANNING TO USE

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE BATTLE. --UPI (5/22/75)

SOARES SAYS PORTUGAL DRIFTING TOWARD DICTATORSHIP

SOCIALIST LEADER, MARTO SOARES ACCUSED PORTUGAL'S LEFTIST MILITARY GOVERNMENT THURSDAY OF DRIFTING TOWARD A COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP AND LEADING THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE INTO ECONOMIC DEGRADATION AND ANARCHY. THERE WERE HIGH STREET DEMONSTRATIONS BY SOCIALISTS AFTER SOARES THREATENED TO QUIT THE GOVERNMENT UNLESS IT STOPS DRIFTING TOWARDS COMMUNISM, NBC/CBS REPORTED. --UPI; NETWORKS (5/22/75)

DOCTORS OPERATE ON SATO

IN TOKYO, DOCTORS OPERATED THURSDAY ON FORMER PRIME MINISTER SATO, WHO SUFFERED A STROKE LAS MONDAY. --NBC; ABC (5/22/75)

CONGRESS: NEWS

SCALI CALLS U.N. AN ORGANIZATION OF CRISIS

THE UNITED NATIONS IS "AN ORGANIZATION IN CRISIS, POISED BETWEEN IMMINENT OPPORTUNITY AND EVENTUAL DISASTER," RETIRING U.S. AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI TOLD CONGRESS THURSDAY.

IF THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT MADE TO WORK, SCALI SAID IN REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IT WILL RESULT IN "A WORLD DIVIDED INTO EXCLUSIVE, SELFISH CAMPS, WHERE EACH NATIONS GAIN IS ANOTHER'S LOSS." --UPI 5/22/75)

CONGRESS: COMMENT

BILLIONS FOR DEFENSE
(EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM THE NEW YORK POST)

THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAVE BEEN WAVING THE FLAG AND A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS HASTILY RUN UP A WHITE ONE.

MANY MEMBERS ARE APPARENTLY ON THE VERGE OF CAPITULATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S MILITARY BUDGET DEMANDS. SOME ARE RESPONDING TO PRESIDENTIAL WARNINGS THAT THE NATION DARE NOT APPEAR "WEAK" AFTER THE INDOCHINA DEBACLE. OTHERS HOPE TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE MAYAGUEZ EUPHORIA BY REWARDING THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

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SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA REPRESENTED COSTLY, HOPELESS INVOLVEMENT VIEWED WITH CONCERN AND CONTEMPT BY MUCH OF HUMANITY. THE OUTCOME HARDLY DIMINISHES OUR NUCLEAR ARSENALS OR OUR CAPACITY FOR OVERKILL.

THE GRAVEST WORLD APPREHENSION ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE U.S. IS STIRRED BY THE DECLINE OF OUR ECONOMY RATHER THAN THE FALL OF INDOCHINESE DESPOTS. CRAVEN CONGRESSIONAL SURRENDER TO THE PENTAGON IS SOMETHING LESS THAN A SYMBOL OF NATIONAL HEALTH. (5/22/75)

CONGRESS BACKS UP FORD'S OFFENSE STANCE
BY RICHARD L. STROUT
(CONDENSED FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

NATIONS OF THE WORLD TAKE NOTE: CONGRESS IS SUPPORTING PRESIDENT FORD'S OFFENSE POSTURE. ASSASSINATION OF TWO U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICERS IN TEHRAN WILL ONLY STRENGTHEN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT, IT IS BELIEVED. THE VIETNAM EPISODE HAS INCREASED LEGISLATIVE BACKING FOR PRESIDENT FORD IN CERTAIN CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL AREAS. ALL SIGNS INDICATE. CONGRESS IS SENDING A SIGNAL ABROAD: IT IS TELLING THE WORLD NOT TO OVERDISCOUNT AMERICA'S WILL TO ACT RESOLUTELY. IT IS, IN A WAY, A NEGATIVE SIGNAL: THERE IS NO POLICY DEADLOCK IN WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS OFTEN PLAYS A SLOW-MOVING BUT PROFOUND PART IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. IT TILTED ITS SUPPORT FROM TURKEY TO GREECE IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION. IT ANGERED THE WHITE HOUSE BY RESTRICTING TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, BUT NOW, WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER TALKING TO GROMYKO IN VIENNA AND THEN TRAVELING TO ANKARA, AND WITH FORD JUST ABOUT TO ATTEND THE NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS MAY 29-30, CONGRESS FEELS THAT THIS IS A TIME TO SUPPORT THE EXECUTIVE. IT MUST NOT FOSTER A MISTAKEN NOTION ABROAD THAT THE UNITED STATES IS A PAPER TIGER. (5/22/75)

ADMINISTRATION, AGENCIES: COMMENT

UPGRADING THE UN
(EDITORIAL CONDENSED FROM CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

WE LIKE THE IDEA OF DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN REPRESENTING THE U.S. AT THE U.N. IF HIS APPOINTMENT GOES THROUGH, IT WILL SIGNAL THAT PRESIDENT FORD WANTS TO PROJECT A NEW IMAGE OF THE U.S. AS HE SEEKS TO DEAL WITH THE "THIRD WORLD."

THERE CLEARLY IS RISING CONCERN ABOUT THE WEST'S RELATIONS WITH THIS WORLD. MY. MOYNIHAN WOULD BE COMING ON THE SCENE AT

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A TIME OF FERMENT AND CHANGE THAT CALLS FOR IMAGINATIVE THINKING. HE WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ALTER AMERICAN POLICY AT THAT WORLD FORUM. HE, SAYS THE U.S. SHOULD STOP APPEASING THE NEW NATIONS AND PLAY THE ROLE OF LOYAL OPPOSITION IN THE U.N.

PAT MOYNIHAN HAS THE WIT AND ELAN THAT SHOULD ENABLE HIM TO SPEAK PUBLICLY WITHOUT MINCING WORDS WHILE SOOTHING RUFFLED FEELINGS IN PRIVATE CORRIDORS. AS A DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL, HE CAN ALSO STAND UP TO "THIRD-WORLD" EXCESSES WITHOUT BEING LABELED A REACTIONARY. NEW NATIONS SHOULD APPRECIATE THE HARVARD PROFESSOR'S DEMONSTRATED CONCERN ABOUT U.S. POLICIES TOWARD THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD.

MR. MOYNIHAN HAS SOME ORIGINAL IDEAS ABOUT THE WORLD AT LARGE. BELIEVING THAT THE WORLD WILL NOT GO TOTALITARIAN, HE URGES THE U.S. TO STRESS POLITICAL AND CIVIL LIBERTIES "WITH ENTHUSIASM AND ZEAL" BUT TO WARN THE DEVELOPING NATIONS THAT THEIR POOR ECONOMIC GROWTH IS OF THEIR OWN DOING.

WHETHER OR NOT THE IMPISH MR. MOYNIHAN COULD REVERSE THE "PASSIVE, EVEN COMPLIANT" POSTURE OF THE U.S. AT THE U.N. REMAINS TO BE SEEN. NO ONE HAS ANY ILLUSTIONS ABOUT THE LIMITED POWER OF THE U.N., BUT AT A TIME OF RISING URGENCY FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION A MORE EFFECTIVE U.S. INVOLVEMENT WILL BE ALL TO THE GOOD. AND AN IRISH SENSE OF HUMOR AND FUN WON'T HURT EITHER. (5/22/75)

SCALI CALLS U.N. AN ORGANIZATION OF CRISIS

THE UNITED NATIONS IS "AN ORGANIZATION IN CRISIS, POISED BETWEEN IMMINENT OPPORTUNITY AND EVENTUAL DISASTER," RETIRING U.S. AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI TOLD CONGRESS THURSDAY.

IF THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT MADE TO WORK, SCALI SAID IN REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IT WILL RESULT IN "A WORLD DIVIDED INTO EXCLUSIVE, SELFISH CAMPS, WHERE EACH NATION'S GAIN IS ANOTHER'S LOSS.".. UPT (5/22/75)

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